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San Francisco Chronicle
'No' vote on state roads bill a 'yes' for commuter train line
In an ironic twist, East Bay state Sen. Steve Glazer's "no" vote on the governor's mega-transportation tax may have paved the way for the biggest commuter line the Bay Area has seen since BART.
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San Francisco Business Times
Younger Bay Area residents support new housing, but older generation is more hostile
Younger residents are more likely to support new housing projects than older groups in the Bay Area, according to an annual poll from the Bay Area Council.
To read the full article, click here.

Mountain View Voice
New $52.4 billion gas tax plan wins approval from state Legislature
The California Legislature Thursday approved a $52.4 billion, 10-year gas tax and new annual vehicle fee increase intended to fix the state's roads and make other transit improvements.

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San Francisco Chronicle
Bay Area needs transit plan that includes Marin
If California is as serious about public transit as its leaders claim, why isn't there rail service across the Golden Gate Bridge?
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San Francisco News

San Francisco Examiner
Flywheel Taxi app sold in effort to battle Uber, Lyft
Redwood City-based tech company Flywheel has been acquired by a taxi industry software company Cabconnect with backing from taxi industry investors, the companies announced Friday.
To read the full article, click here.

San Francisco Chronicle
Full-block housing developments meet challenge of staying low-rise
While Rincon Hill's steep glass towers have reshaped San Francisco's skyline — for better or worse — new and equally large residential compounds make their mark by hugging the terrain.
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San Francisco Business Times
Buyers break contracts at San Francisco Shipyard over health concerns
At least six prospective buyers have cancelled contracts to buy homes at San Francisco's Shipyard project over health concerns stemming from faked soil tests.
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San Francisco Examiner
Study shows Mission red lanes improve street safety, signal citywide implications
A red-hot debate over "red carpet" bus-only lanes in the Mission District has pitted neighborhood advocates against the transit officials behind the project.
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San Francisco Chronicle

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Tony Winnicker, a power in the mayor's office, on to other things
Friday was the last day on the job for Tony Winnicker, senior adviser to Mayor Ed Lee and, along with Chief of Staff Steve Kawa, one of the two "baldies" the late Rose Pak liked to mock.
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San Francisco Chronicle
For SF landlords, deadline looms to retrofit soft-story buildings
Owners of nearly 2,000 apartment buildings in San Francisco have done nothing to bring their properties up to current seismic safety standards, despite an approaching deadline and possible fines if the mandatory work is not completed.
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San Francisco Business Times
Exclusive: Yerba Buena Center for the Arts offers naming rights amid SoMa's boom
Yerba Buena Center for the Arts is offering naming rights for the first time in nearly a decade as its South of Market neighborhood booms.
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San Francisco Business Times
MEDA Letter to the Editor: "Yes, We Do 'Get It.' 'It' is called Fair Housing"
"Mission Impassable: The wrong lessons from development" (Our View, Feb. 24 print edition) states that "the Mission Economic Development Agency still doesn't get it" and questions our community-based organization's role in the real estate dynamics of the Mission District. It mischaracterizes this role as lacking foresight.
To read the full article, click here. *[subscription required]*

South Bay News

The Mercury News
Cupertino: Unbuilt Hills at Vallco project receives architectural award
The Hills at Vallco has been deemed an award-winning project despite its status as an unbuilt proposal.
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The Mercury News
Milpitas: City allocates funding for Main Street park in anticipation of land use decision
City officials and residents alike are readying themselves for the day that an undeveloped property north of the Milpitas Public Library could be handed back to the city for use as public green space.
To read the full article, click here.

Peninsula News

Mountain View Voice
Council favors seven-story housing project
Despite some misgivings about parking and the sheer size of the project, Mountain View City Council members on Tuesday night were largely pleased with a proposal to build two seven-story housing structures right next door to the city's largest jobs center. But bringing any amenities like parks and retail to the Terra Bella area just south of Highway 101 will probably have to wait for another day.
To read the full article, click here.

The Almanac
Tuesday: Board of Supervisors to discuss two-year affordable housing spending plan
Noting that it has been costing San Mateo County twice as much to preserve an affordable housing unit as to fund a new one, County Manager John Maltbie is asking for $30 million for affordable housing for the 2017-19 budget and that most of it be spent on new units.
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Mountain View Voice
New push for city to regulate Airbnb rentals
David Haedtler has what might seem like an unfathomable problem -- he wants to pay his taxes, but the city of Mountain View is refusing his money. In fact, they sent him a letter a few months ago suggesting he stop sending in checks.
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Silicon Valley Business Journal
Inside Amazon's East Palo Alto deal
The e-commerce giant demanded action in a week — or else.
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Mountain View Voice
City calls for apartment rents to roll back
Owners of nearly 15,000 apartments in Mountain View are now obligated to immediately lower their rents to October 2015 rates, following news that a judicial hold on a citywide rent control program has been lifted, according to city Housing Department officials.
To read the full article click here.

The Mercury News
Palo Alto council goes with bigger parking garage despite higher cost
Palo Alto City Council members decided Monday to answer the pleas of California Avenue business owners to fit as many parking spots as possible inside a public garage

planned next to the new police station.
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Mountain View Voice
Final five picked for MV rent control committee
After months of screening candidates, Mountain View City Council members have finally landed on their picks for the city's inaugural rental-housing committee. The five-person panel and one alternate member were chosen by the council after a final round of interviews at a Tuesday, April 4, meeting.
To read the full article, click here.

East Bay News

San Francisco Business Times
Judge denies "Sue the Suburbs" lawsuit seeking more housing in East Bay city
A Contra Costa County Superior Court judge ruled on Thursday against activists who filed a lawsuit against Lafayette that sought to increase the East Bay city's housing production.
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San Francisco Business Times
Exclusive: Nearly 400 homes start construction in tiny East Bay city
As demand has spread, the lack of new housing in the East Bay has pushed more developers to pursue projects across the Bay Bridge.
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San Francisco Business Times
Oakland delays vote on massive tower as activists seek more concessions
Oakland's Planning Commission delayed a vote on Wednesday to potentially approve a massive 634-unit residential tower a block from the 12th Street BART station.
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